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## [Volunteer Support](#)

### **New School Year, New Girl Scout Badges**

As summer is winding down and school is on the horizon, it's a reminder that Girl Scouts is ready for you to experience no filtered FUN! It has been a summer

filled with outdoor adventures. Now it's time to dive into the [NEW 2023 Girl Scout badges](#).

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## **On-Time Renewal Drawing Winner**

It's time to announce this week's winner of our \$50 program activity certificate drawing.

### **Congratulations to Evelyn S. with Troop 538 in Cache Service Unit!**

We hope your Girl Scout year is full of new adventures, friends and memories!

[Renew now!](#) Each week, we will have a new drawing winner for another program activity certificate.

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## **Recognition of Excellence Ceremony Save the Date**


Awards season is right around the corner for Girl Scouts of Utah and we're excited to start honoring our amazing Girl Scouts and adult volunteers! Save the date for Saturday, November 5 for this year's Recognition of Excellence Ceremony. The ceremony will take place in the afternoon at the Thanksgiving Point Megaplex for our Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts and this year's adult award honorees. Invitations with further information and registration instructions will be sent to award recipients soon.

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## **Submit a program community partner suggestion!**

To help us find new program community partners, we have created a form for staff, volunteers, and families to fill out with suggestions. A program community partner is an organization who provides events and activities for Girl Scouts in Utah, such as Tracy Aviary or the St George Children's Museum. While many are youth serving organizations, they don't have to be, just be willing to create Girl Scout-appropriate programs and follow GSU and GSUSA safety rules. Program partners go through a screening process including an initial interview and an agreement, as well as ongoing training.

This form is the place to submit the information of suggested organizations that you think would make a good fit or people you have met in the community who have expressed an interest in partnering with Girl Scouts of Utah. You can also submit your own small business if you're interested in being a program partner. A submission is not a guarantee of partnership, as potential program partners must be evaluated by the program team to determine if they are a good fit. Thank you in advance.

 **Action needed:** fill out the [form](#) and see our [current program partners](#) here. Questions? Email us at [programs@gsutah.org](mailto:programs@gsutah.org).

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## Girl Advisory Board Kickoff Party

Do you have ideas about how to make Girl Scouts even better? Do you want to help plan some of our council's biggest events? This is your chance to share your opinions, collaborate with Girl Scouts from across the state, and help shape the programs offered by GSU. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to join our Girl Advisory Board for the new membership year. We'll be kicking off the new year with a get-to-know-you party on September 30, so join in the fun and let your voice be heard!

 **Action needed:** Register for the [kickoff party](#), but even if you can't join us on September 30, you can still be a part of our Girl Advisory Board by filling out this [form](#).

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## 8 Ways for Troop Leaders to Have a Successful Year in Girl Scouts

Back to school also means that girls and volunteers are back to their troops. Whether you have been a Girl Scout leader for years, have been with one troop for a little while, or are just starting, it can be tough to know where to begin. Girl Scout troop leaders, parents, and volunteers share their best tips for launching the new troop year, and their answers did not disappoint!




**Action needed:** Read these [highly recommended tips](#) to kick off the new troop year!

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## Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program is a perfect opportunity for troops to kick off the Girl Scout year with a fun team-building activity that generates funds to support troop activities. Also, new troops with no resources in their treasury can quickly earn money to fund their needed supplies, materials, and books.

Troops retain a full 15% of the purchase price of all Ashdon Farms products and 15% of the purchase price of all M2 sales. Plus, girls can earn patches and other fun rewards. Make sure you have a Troop Product Manager to lead the way!

 **Action needed:** TPM agreement forms, important dates, and information are available on the [Fall Product Program page](#).


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## Mentorship Opportunity for Older Girls and Young Alums

Girl Scouts of Utah's signature luncheon celebration is back for 2022! Utah Day of the Girl is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Venue 6SIX9 (new venue).

Seniors, Ambassadors, and young alums are invited to join us for this opportunity to meet and network with business leaders in a professional lunch setting. Thanks to generous donors, girls attend for free!

During the luncheon, we will highlight the impact of Girl Scouts and honor our 2022 Girl Champions, leaders in each of our four pillars – Dr. Tami Goetz (STEM), Lavanya Mahate (Entrepreneurship), and Dr. Tiana Rogers for (Life Skills), and Wendy Fisher for (Outdoors). Learn more about the [2022 Girl Champions](#).

 **Action needed:** Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (grades 9-12) and young alums (ages 18-24) are invited to apply. Encourage your Girl Scouts to [apply to be a part of Utah Day of the Girl](#) and submit name, age, contact information, and areas of interest by September 1.



## STEM Exploration Day!

Want to explore the exciting world of science, engineering, technology, and math but not sure where to start? Check out the STEM Exploration Day! This all ages, family-friendly event will introduce your Girl Scouts to STEM through hands on activities and experiments with real women in STEM. You'll meet our local NASA Solar System Ambassador as you explore astronomy, meet women in engineering with the Society of Women Engineers, and more! You won't want to miss this fun-filled activity!

● **Action needed:** Register for [STEM Exploration Day](#) by September 13.

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## Quick Links

- Volunteer trainings and girl programs - [GSU Event Calendar](#)
- Reserve meeting rooms at the NUSC, CRC, and CUSC - [Meetings on Council Premises](#)
- Customizable flyers for troops, social media toolkit for volunteers, VTK, and troop leader blueprint - [Online Support for Volunteers](#)
- Guidelines for in-person activities and troop meeting space at council service centers - [GSU's COVID-19 guidelines](#)
- Schedule programming for your troop with local organizations – [Program Partners](#)

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## Outdoor Programs

### Minicamp Programs – Registration Open through 2023

Girl Scouts of Utah provides camp programs all year – not just during the summer! Girl Scouts can join paddleboarding adventures in Moab, celebrate the winter holidays, snowshoe the camp properties, and experience all their favorite program areas.

Minicamps are a great chance for families to experience camp for a few hours to a few nights before a longer summer adventure. Registration is now open for all programs through September 2023.

 Action needed: [Review all upcoming minicamps and register](#) for your next adventure!

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## Service Unit Updates

### Leadership Summit 2023 – Ready. Set. Rally!

We are looking forward to seeing many of our Service Unit Teams this weekend at Leadership Summit! And, will be posting resources and information on the Service Unit Resources webpage sometime the week after the summit.

We will miss our friends that are unable to attend in person! And, will be posting resources and information on the Service Unit Resources webpage sometime the week after the summit.


 **Action needed:** Watch the newsletters announcing when the resources are available.

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### Now Available on gsLearn

- Service Unit Fall Product Program Training
- Service Unit Communications Rep Training
- Service Unit Finance Rep Training

Additional service unit position training will be available soon.

 **Action needed:** Keep an eye out for notifications regarding your position.

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## Quick Links

- Council-Provided Resources - [Online Support for Volunteers webpage](#)
- Council Connect recordings, PPTs, and registrations - [Service Unit Team Resources webpage](#)


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## Council News & Updates

### Covid-19 Protocol Updates

At Girl Scouts, there is nothing we take more seriously than the safety and well-being of our girls, volunteers, and council staff. We continue to monitor communications from the CDC, state, and local health organizations. Based on current guidance from those sources, we strongly recommend COVID testing for all participants for overnight events and we are following that best practice for all council overnight events.

 **Action needed:** Visit the [CDC website](#) for more information about testing and to order free at-home test kits. Visit [our website](#) for more guidance on travel and overnight stays.

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### GSU Fall Hours

#### Office Hours

Beginning September 6, our offices will operate on fall hours. We will be open 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Our offices will be closed on Wednesday, September 28, for a staff in-service day.

#### Shop Hours

Fall shop hours for our Salt Lake City location will be Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and every second Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The shop will close September 28-29 for inventory. Fall shop hours for our American Fork location will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., and every second Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., closed Mondays, Fridays, and holidays.

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## Quick Links

- Join the GSU team - [View job openings and apply](#)
- Support GSU Camps - [Amazon Wish Lists](#)
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info - [Retail](#)
- Receive ongoing communications from GSU - [COVID-19 Updates](#) & [GSU's Facebook page](#)
- [GSU Health & Safety Guidelines](#)

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## Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

- Shop with [AmazonSmile](#) and select Girl Scouts of Utah



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
**[Contact us](#) for more information.**

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